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SUBJ: VORSTER MEETS SMITH: NO COMMENTS BUT MANY
RUMORS

1. RHODESIAN PM IAN SMITH SPENT FOUR- AND-A-HALF HOURS
CLOSED WITH PM VORSTER SEPT 14 AND DEPARTED SAYING ONLY
THAT THERE HAD BEEN A FULL AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS,
AND THAT VORSTER HAD INFORMED HIM OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS
HELD WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER.

2. FON MIN MULLER TOLD A UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA AUDIENCE
(CLIPS TELEVISED) SEPT 15 THAT THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO
TRUTH TO REPORTS THAT SOUTH AFRICA WOULD PRESS RHODESIA
TO ACCEPT SOME SOLUTION FORMULATED AS A CONSEQUENCE OF
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US-SA DISCUSSIONS. MULLER OBSERVED THAT BOTH WESTERN

AND AFRICAN NATIONS HAD AWAKENED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL THE NEIGHBORS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS. SAG WANTED TO MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION AND WAS READY TO HELP IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. CURRENT DISCUSSIONS WERE A PRELIMINARY PHASE IN THE NEW PEACE OFFENSIVE.

3. POLITICAL ANALYST JOHN PATTEN AUTHORED MAJOR ARTICLE SEPT 15 SPECULATING THAT SMITH WAS TAKING KEY PROPOSALS WITH HIM TO RHODESIAN PARTY CONGRESS AT UMTALI. IF HE WERE ABLE TO OVERCOME RIGHT WING OPPOSITION THERE, WORD WOULD BE SENT TO VORSTER WHICH WOULD ENABLE KISSINGER-VORSTER-SMITH MEETING TO TAKE PLACE SEPT 19 OR 20, PROBABLY IN PRETORIA.
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